

About Us

The Division of Fire and Building Safety will develop, foster, and promote methods of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Indiana; provide building safety and permit coordination; and develop and maintain an effective Emergency Medical Services system.

The Division of Fire & Building Safety consists of the following sections:

• Code Enforcement

- Boiler & Pressure Vessels
- Building & Fire Code Enforcement
- Elevators & Amusement Rides
- Plan Review

• Emergency Services

- Fire Investigations
- Hazmat, Weapons of Mass Destruction & Counter-Terrorism
- EMS Operations & Complaint Investigations

Fire & Building Safety



Phone Numbers

Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(800) 423-0765

(317) 232-2222

Fire Investigations	(317) 232-6435
Code Enforcement	(317) 232-1407
EMS Operations	(317) 233-6545
INFIRS & Risk Management	(317) 232-2227
Public Information/Education	(317) 232-6632
Fire Marshal Fax	(317) 233-0307
Certifications	(800) 666-7784
Certification Fax	(317) 233-0497
Fire Training Director	(317) 233-0498

Note: All numbers can be reached through the 800 number.

24 Hour Emergency Contact Numbers

Emergency Operations Center

(Dispatch)

(800) 669-7362

(317) 233-6115

Arson Hotline

(800) 382-4628

Division of Fire & Building Safety



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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY - FIRE & BUILDING SAFETY

Fire Investigations

The Investigation Branch employs 11 diligent investigators throughout the state. With nearly 900 fires investigated annually, the staff, which includes the chief investigator, two field supervisors and eight field investigators, carries a heavy caseload. Each field investigator, most of whom come from fire service backgrounds, covers anywhere from nine to 13 counties.

The Investigation Branch assists locals in the investigation of cause and origin of fires. In cooperation with the Indiana Arson and Crime Association, the Arson Hot Line (800-382-4628) is stationed within the Division of Fire & Building Safety. Information can be mailed to: PO Box 2282, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Haz-Mat

The emergency response personnel assigned to the Division of Fire and Building Safety serve as on-site technical advisors at large fires and hazardous materials incidents to the more than 900 fire departments within the state.

These individuals become key members in incident control and carry a variety of instruments and technical equipment to help fire departments identify a threat to public health and safety. They assist fire departments in evacuation work by printing color plume dispersal maps that reflect the findings of an air quality survey. At larger incidents, the responders work with the fire chief to ensure that all emergency operations are in compliance with occupational safety and health standards.

EMS Operations

The provision of emergency medical services is a matter of vital concern affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of Indiana. The EMS Branch regulate, inspect and certify services and facilities engaged in providing emergency medical services in Indiana. The standards and requirements for furnishing emergency medical services to the citizens of Indiana are set by the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission under 836 IAC with authority from IC 16-31.

As part of emergency response, the EMS Operations staff will coordinate and assist the Medical Response Trailers/Teams, located in each of the ten Districts on mass casualty events. Indiana has a Disaster Portable Mortuary Unit that is now under the responsibility of the EMS Branch.

INFIRS/EMS & Risk Management

INFIRS was created to actively pursue fire and EMS incident reports and provide data that is not only required but also worthwhile to local, state and federal government agencies. Fire departments throughout the state have assisted in this venture by computerizing incident reports and providing more data than ever before.

Many fire and EMS departments are now reporting their incidents to the state each week. No longer are fire departments reporting only fires and explosions, they are now reporting every type of call from ambulance assist to community assistance, fires, good intent calls, and cancelled enroute calls.

This section also works with the other Divisions of Fire and Building Safety in an effort to gather data to reduce death, injury and property loss in Indiana.

Code Enforcement

The Fire and Building Code Enforcement Branch encourages the development of fire and building code enforcement programs within political subdivision and exercise any program of the supervision that is approved by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

The Branch conducts inspections on public buildings; which include, but not limited to new construction and existing building inspecting which include, but not limited to schools, hospitals, nursing homes, daycare center, correctional facilities, restaurants, hotels and retail establishment. These building shall be in compliance with the various adopted fire and building codes. The state is broken down into geographical area for field staff to perform inspections, based on work load and population.

The Branch encourages the professional development of staff, local fire and building officials and related professional organizations such as Fire Inspector Association of Indiana, Indiana Association of Building Officials and International Association of Electrical Inspector's Indiana Chapter.

Fire Training

The Training Division of IDHS provides training in: emergency management, emergency medical, fire services, and hazardous materials (Hazmat). In addition to its training efforts, the Division maintains certification records for Indiana Firefighters and EMS personnel.

Certifications

The IDHS Training Division is responsible for training course approval, testing, certifying, and recertifying individuals, as firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The Division also licenses regulated explosive use blasters and organizations.

This Division will continue to provide Emergency Responders with the best and most updated training and equipment available when called upon in an emergency. Through cooperation with the National Fire Academy, training in how to respond to terrorism incidents will be a top priority.



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